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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE 23 ACTION AGAINST FRANCE.

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1. WE REGRET DELAY IN REPLYING TO REF A OUTLINING LATEST
FRENCH OFFER OF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTRY OF
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ARTICLE 23 ACTION. BASED ON OUR DISCUSSION WITH RESPONSIBLE COMMODITY INTERESTS, YOU MAY INFORM FRENCH THAT WE PREFER OPTION 3.

2. WE WELCOME THE CHANGES, ESPECIALLY THE PROMPT ISSUANCE OF QUOTA ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LICENSES THAT FRENCH PLAN TO IMPLEMENT. WE ASSUME THAT PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR SERIOUS NEWCOMERS AMONG IMPORT LICENSE APPLICANTS IN VIEW OF THE ELIMINATION OF PREFERENCES FORMERLY EXTENDED TO CAL FIRMS. IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT ALL CANNED FRUITS (OTHER THAN PINEAPPLE), INCLUDING PEACHES AND FRUIT COCKTAIL, BE HANDLED AS A COMBINED QUOTA. (IN ED SELECTION BY COUNTRY A NEW AND PERHAPS UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT. HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT EUROPEAN SYSTEM FOR GENERALIZED PREFERENCES MIGHT BE EASIER TO IMPLEMENT THAN THE ONE PROPOSED BY THE U. S. THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM MIGHT ALSO BE MORE PALATABLE TO THE LDC' S SINCE U. S. PROPOSALS COULD LEAD TO POLITICAL DIFFERENCES.

4. AMB MALMGREN AND DEP ASS SEC WORTHINGTON POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE CONSULTING AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS BY OUR TRADING PARTNERS. THIS LED TO DISCUSSION OF HOW WE DEALT WITH CONSULTATION ON SAFEGUARDS. DE DOBBELEER EXPRESSED PERSONAL EXASPERATION OVER THE INABILITY OF THE EC TO CONSULT ON THE ISSUE IN THE ABSENCE OF GUIDELINES FROM THE COUNCIL. THE SUBJECT WAS ESPECIALLY TOPICAL SINCE HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE 113 DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER. DE DOBBELEER SAID THAT SAFEGUARDS WERE INDEED A COMPLICATED TOPIC AND NEEDED TO BE STUDIED BEYOND THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE SUBJECT IN THE REY REPORT. STUYCK REPORTED THAT IN COMMITTEE 113, SOME THOUGHT WAS BEING GIVEN TO THE CONCEPT OF SHORT- TERM AND LONG- TERM SAFEGUARD ARRANGEMENTS. WHEN ASKED HOW WE COULD CONSULT IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EC POSITION, DE DOBBELEER SAW AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL EC MEMBERS AND PRIVATE TALKS WITH THE EC COMMISSION STAFF AS THE ONLY THING THAT COULD BE DONE.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE PLEASED THAT MALMGREN AND WORTHINGTON WERE ABLE TO GIVE THIS BRIEFING. IT ASSURES THAT THE RIGHT PEOPLE HERE HAVE THE FACTS AND WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND IN EVENT OF UNINFORMED CRITICISM WITHIN THE GOB OR THE EC.
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